accordance with the Section 79 & 80 of the Uttar Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2000. The observations of Uttar Pradesh have been sent to Government of Uttaranchal on 17th October, 2001 by Central Water Commission. Setting up of the Ganga Management Board is linked to the State Governments coming to an early agreement on the scope and functions of the Board. The Uttar Pradesh Reorganisation Act has not specified any time limit for setting up of Ganga Management Board by the Central Government.

Rain water harvesting in urban areas

5101. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of programme, Ministry is having for harvesting rain water in urban areas;

(b) the details of technology which has been developed for popular use; and

(c) the quantum of water which is presently harvested from rain in different cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) The Central Ground Water Board under the Ministry of Water Resources had implemented demonstrative rain water harvesting and recharge projects in few cities of the country under its Central Sector Scheme for Study of Recharge to Ground Water on "pilot basis" during IX Five Year Plan. The Board has proposed a Central Sector Scheme on "Development of Ground Water Resources and Rain Water Harvesting in Major Cities" for inclusion in the X Five Year Plan. This proposed scheme is at a consultation stage.

(b) Collection of rain water through roofs of the buildings and recharge of collected run off through trench/shaft with recharge better known as "roof top rain water harvesting" is a popular technology being implemented in the cities for recharging of ground water.

(c) No assessment regarding quantum of water being harvested presently from rain in different cities has been made.